

Indiana Heritage and Culture Council
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Minutes
April 4, 2003

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council convened at 10:10 a.m. (EST) in the Board Room of the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Council members present were: Pam Bennett (Indiana Historical Bureau), Sal Cilella, (Indiana Historical Society), Chair Beth Compton (Governor's Office), Carmen DeRusha (Hispanic Community), Rita Kohn (Citizen Member), Jeff Myers (Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites), Nancy Nakano Conner (Asian Community), John Newman (Commission on Public Records), Elizabeth Osborn (Citizen Member), Jane Rulon (Department of Commerce - Tourism and Film Development), Jon Smith (DNR-DHPA), Carter Wolf (Citizen Member), Mayor Richard Ullrich (Citizen Member),

Council members absent were: Chuck Coffey (Indiana Department of Administration), Wendy Dant Chesser (Indiana Rural Development Council), Scott Massey (Indiana Humanities Council), Senator James Merritt (Indiana Senate), Ray Gonyea (Citizen Member), Representative Markt Lytle (Indiana House of Representatives), Representative Tom Saunders (Indiana House of Representatives), Paul Strack (Native American Community), Bill Sweeney (Indiana War Memorials Commission), and Senator Richard Young (Indiana Senate)

Proxies present: Andrea Hough (for Ray Ewick, State Library), Dorothy Ilgen (Indiana Arts Commission), and Aja May (for Jennifer Swenson, 2016 Project)

Other attendees were: Ginny Andis (Library Development Office, Indiana State Library), David Bodenhamer (Polis), Debbie Coatney, Derrick Coatney, Kelly Coatney, Alan January (Indiana State Archives), John Krauss (Center for Urban Policy and the Environment), Jeannie Regan-Dinius (DNR-DHPA), Martha Roblee (Library Development Office, Indiana State Library), Dona Sapp (Center for Urban Policy and the Environment)

Chair Beth Compton called the Indiana Heritage and Culture Council to order at 11:05 AM (EST).

I. Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Compton welcomed those in attendance.

At Ms. Compton's request, Jane Rulon presented a tribute to the family of Michael Coatney, who worked on the collaborative plan. Mr. Coatney recently passed away. His widow and two children were present.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2003 Meeting – previously distributed

Ms. Compton called for additions or corrections to the minutes from the February 7, 2003 meeting. No corrections were offered. Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cilella seconded the motion and it carried.

III. Committee Reports

A. Collaborative Plan Committee – Pamela Bennett

Ms. Bennett reported for Scott Massey that the Collaborative Plan Committee has met twice to create action steps for a state economic impact study of heritage and culture. They have recruited help from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment and Polis, both from Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis. Mr. Massey worked with both groups to create an outline for proposals.

The Indiana Humanities Council has begun to secure funding for the studies. IHC would serve as fiscal agent for the study.

Ms. Bennett introduced John Krauss and Dona Sapp, both from the Center for Urban Policy and Environment and David Bodenhamer from Polis.

Mr. Krauss distributed a hard copy of the power point presentation that he, Ms. Sapp, Mr. Bodenhamer presented and the concept proposal for the economic analysis and additional goals of the plan's recommendations. These are attached to the minutes.

The Council then asked questions and made comments about the presentation.

*Mr. Wolf asked how the report would help increase economic activity. Ms. Sapp stated that more discussions would need to be made with the Council to create action steps.

*Ms. DeRusha asked how the study would reach underrepresented resources and communities. Mr. Bodenhamer noted that Polis has a background in working with underrepresented communities. This report would look at the social impact that art and heritage have on communities, and the Council would help identify these communities.

*Ms. Ilgen asked how the report would study proprietary information and if they would assess the value of collections? Mr. Krauss stated they would work with the Council, IHC, IHS, and other organizations to attempt to get a defensible value on these types of items.

*Ms. Rulon asked if they would study for profit businesses. Mr. Bodenhamer stated that IHCC would need to define who would be studied, which would determine whether or not these businesses would be studied.

*Mr. Myers asked how the study would look at emerging art forms. Mr. Bodenhamer noted that this goes back to the Council's definitions and helping identify these groups.

*Ms. Kohn noted that they should work with political figures to assure their buy-in with the project and assure that their constituents would benefit from any study. She also noted that youth need to be included in any study.

*Mr. Smith stated that when the surveys were done by the Not-For-Profit Committee, the greatest comment was a fear of what would be done with the information and that the information would not just sit on the shelf. Mr. Krauss stated that they recognize this fear and that they would work to get agencies, organizations, and other individuals to participate in this and work with their counterparts to participate in any such study.

Ms. Bennett stated that the Collaborative Committee was authorized by the Council to move forward with this project. She asked what the Council would like for the Committee to do at this point.

Ms. Compton replied that much information was presented. She would like to have the Committee report back to the Council on a final proposal suggestion so that when funding is secured the study may move forward. From the state level, a competitive proposal process would need to take place, so the Committee would need to consider all of the options.

Ms. Bennett asked for the Council's response of the presentation today. Does the Council want a broader study as was recommended today? Or should the study be smaller? Mr. Wolf made a motion to support the Committee to move forward to proceed with a larger scale, more encompassing study, once funding has been secured. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Archives Task Force – Senator James Merritt

No report from the committee.

IV. Other Issues

Mr. Smith noted that with the retirement of Mr. Ewick the web management needs to be addressed. The Indiana Historical Bureau has a staff member who works on web sites. Ms. Bennett noted that this staff member could work with Access Indiana to keep the website updated. Ms. Rulon noted that Commerce has two webmasters and she could check to see if they could help. Ms. Compton state that no formal approval was needed. The Indiana Historical Bureau would work with Ms. Rulon to see if Commerce's webmasters could help.

Mr. Wolf asked if the State Personnel Department has proceeded with the staff evaluation of history agencies. Ms. Compton noted that they are working on this project. Mr. Wolf asked if there would be a report at the next meeting. Ms. Compton agreed to have a report at the next meeting.

V. Public Comment

B.J. Bischoff with Crowe Chizek and Company asked that the Council consider other organizations to help with the study being proposed.

VI. Agency and Organizations News

Ms. Kohn reported on “Long Journey Home.”

VII. Next Meeting: June 6, 2003, 10:00 AM, Indiana Historical Society, Board Room

Mr. Cilella made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. (EST).